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Just why a knitting mill would not be a paying institution in St. Johns is a question that has been the cause of quite a little discussion during the week. It has been discovered that there is not a knitting mill on the Pacific coast. Every article of knit goods used on this coast from Mexico to the Arctic regions has to be made and purchased in the east. This means that, in spite of the fact that Oregon produces as good wool as any part of the union, and ships millions of pounds east, every bit of hosiery is manufactured miles away, when it should be done right here at home. There is an immense demand for these goods. And with the wool at our door this class of goods can be manufactured cheaper and more profitably in St. Johns than in any other part of the country.

Those familiar with the business say that a factory for the manufacture of knit goods could easily be put on a paying basis for a nominal sum. Little or no skilled labor is required. Machines do all the work and the scoured and cleaned wool is the principal item of expense. The factory will not require an expensive site. There is a demand for the manufactured product because it is an absolute necessity in every home.

Statistics show that Oregon is producing 28,000,000 pounds of wool annually. Of this amount 3,000,000 pounds are manufactured at home. At a cost of two cents a pound we ship 25,000,000 east. Including grading, freight and drayage this amounts to \$500,000. On an average these wools will shrink 70 per cent, showing that we are paying \$235,000 for shipping Oregon dirt east. After the wool is scoured its manufactured products are returned to us by freight at three cents a pound.

By studying this matter St. Johns will be able to discuss the proposition intelligently, and, perhaps, add a knitting mill to her numerous industries.

Where Cities are Built.

Editor Bennett of The Dalles Optimist, in taking exceptions to the knocking received by Portland over the shoulders of the Oregonian at the hands of the Astorian, takes occasion to show where cities are built. Taking his view of the case Astoria will never be a rival of Portland. He states:

"The Astorian makes merry over the 'positive and potent fact that Astoria is an even hundred miles nearer deep water than the metropolis and just far enough removed from it to give safe and commodious shelter to the ships that hail in from the sea."

"The Astorian will probably admit that the most of those ships that 'hail in from the sea' do not stop at Astoria, but bend their way onward and upward to Portland. And that paper will probably admit there is reason for it. And the reason is that freight can be moved more cheaply on water than on land.

"We will not go very deeply into this subject at this time, for the reason that almost any school boy knows the location of practically all the great cities of the world is not on the seashore, but just as far inland as vessels of sail and steam can crawl. There is hardly an exception in the civilized world. Look at London, Paris, Berlin and New York. The latter city may seem like an exception, but it is not, for Long Island sound is only a great river or estuary, and the Hudson is navigable above New York only a part of the time.

"Look at Philadelphia and Baltimore, and compare them with the cities at the mouth of the Delaware and of the Chesapeake. Notice Chicago at the very point of the lake, and go up to Puget Sound and look for a great city at its mouth. It is not and never will be there.

"If in the dim and distant future some means of transportation is found which is cheaper than by water, then the cities of the 21st and later centuries may be on the sea coast, but not in this century.

"As a matter of fact had it not been for the Cascades and shallows the metropolis of Oregon would be at The Dalles. This is, otherwise, the logical point. But the shoals and cascades are there, and great ships cannot get here. They can get no farther than Portland, and there they have been coming and

\$3 PER BOX.

This Price Received for Oregon Apples from Eastern Firm.

From Hood River comes the tidings that the Fruit Growers' Union of that valley have disposed of their entire crop of Spitzenberg apples at the remarkable price of \$3 per box or better. This is truly a wonderful price for apples—three dollars per bushel, or more than four cents a piece. And this price is paid for the apples two months before they are ripe by a New York firm who traveled past miles and miles of the finest kind of looking apple orchards in order to get to Oregon and secure her best apples. Imagine making a trip back east and stopping off at a farm house where the farmer was busy gathering his crop of apples. And sauntering over to where he was busily engaged in filling his bags or barrels with big apples and little apples, wormy apples and diseased apples which had weathered the frosts and the storms and the heat of the sun, and you should gently whisper in his ear that Oregon fruit raisers were getting three dollars a bushel for their apples, no matter how well you might be acquainted with the farmer nor how high your reputation for truth and veracity might be in that particular locality, this farmer would then and forever thereafter look with suspicion on your statements and doubt any further assertions you might make concerning the Oregon country. Anything else could not be expected of the average eastern farmer. He knows he raises some very good apples in his own orchard and is very glad to dispose of them for fifty cents a bushel, but three dollars a box is beyond his comprehension.

So many things out of the ordinary occur in Oregon and are reported from time to time that eastern people are incredulous. The middle class never taste a Hood River Spitzenberg. The idea of paying ten cents apiece for them in the New York markets is preposterous to them, but it is a fact that they are readily disposed of there to the weather class at from \$4.50 to \$6 per bushel.

there they will continue to come. Now and then one will get a cargo at Astoria as now and then one will load at Vancouver, and occasionally one at other points; but the great majority of them will in the future as they have in the past sail or steam on past Astoria and up to the metropolis."

Should Be Around Author's Neck

An endless chain of prayer, said to originate from Rev. Wm. Lawrence of Boston, Mass., has been causing quite a stir throughout the United States. Whether this appeal came from the same source as the one published in The Review last week and accredited to Rev. Severance we know not, but judging from the style and language it is evident that both came from the same author. As both the divines emphatically deny any knowledge of the matter, it is probably the work of some religious fanatic who has more enthusiasm than brains. Inquiries have been received by the thousands regarding the chain by the reverend gentlemen which indicate that the fears of numerous persons have been worked upon by the "dreadful accident" clause. One lady wrote that she was "sick with fear" because her husband would not permit her to follow the instructions, and finally disobeyed him and placed nine others under the "ban of the curse." The proposition is an outrage, and no person should be so weak or superstitious as to help perpetuate the chain.

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